

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 32 and 40 as follows:

32. (Thrice Amended) A method for making an aqueous composition useful as a dialysate, comprising, dissolving into water (i) a plurality of electrolytes in an amount effective to provide an electrolyte concentration in the water of from about 223 mEq/L to about 323 mEq/L, the electrolytes proportioned for dialysis of a patient and (ii) an iron complex comprising one or more divalent or trivalent iron ions and one or more anions and having a molecular weight of less than about 50,000 in an amount effective to provide an iron concentration in the water of from about 1 to about 250 µg/dl, to provide an aqueous composition.

40. (Twice Amended) A method for making an aqueous composition useful as a dialysate, comprising:

providing a first aqueous solution of electrolytes, the electrolytes having a concentration in the solution of from about 223 mEq/L to about 323 mEq/L and the electrolytes being proportioned for dialysis of a patient; and

introducing into the first solution an iron complex comprising one or more divalent or trivalent iron ions and one or more anions and having a molecular weight of less than about 50,000, to provide a second aqueous solution useful as a dialysate, the second aqueous solution having an iron concentration of from about 1 to about 250 µg/dl.

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested. The application, as amended, includes claims 24-29, 31-37, 39-41, 44 and 46-66, pending and under consideration.

In the outstanding Office Action, claims 24-29, 31-37, 39-41, 44 and 46-66 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over the combined teachings of Harber et al. (GB